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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Nuclear and Scientific Division  
Department of State


FROM:




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Chief, Nuclear Energy Division  
Office of Scientific and Weapons Research


SUBJECT: Technical Status of Iraq's Nuclear Program(s)

1. As you requested, the attached memorandum provides a technical status of the Iraqi nuclear program. It discusses in particular, Iraq's efforts to develop key technologies of the nuclear fuel cycle. 

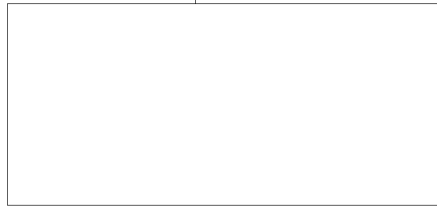
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2. For a discussion on the political aspects of the Iraqi nuclear program, see DI Intelligence Assessment 

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3. If you have any questions concerning the attached memorandum, please feel free to contact me 

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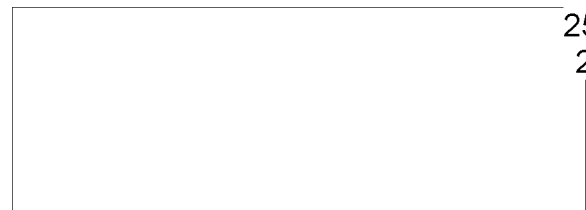
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The Technical Status of Iraq's Nuclear Program

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Summary

Baghdad has not lost interest in nuclear research, notwithstanding Israeli's destruction of the Osirak reactor four years ago and Iraq's preoccupation with the war against Iran. Iraq has been collaborating with [redacted] and the USSR on projects that will expand its capabilities in the nuclear fuel cycle. Iraq is not likely, however, to acquire a complete fuel cycle capability within the next five years, and none of its current projects constitutes a serious proliferation threat. Therefore, we believe that Iraq is at least 10 years away from developing the technology for a nuclear weapons capability, and we have no evidence of an Iraqi nuclear weapons program. [redacted]

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This memorandum was requested by the Chief of the Nuclear and Scientific Division, INR/PMA, Department of State. It was prepared by [redacted] Nuclear Energy Division, Office of Scientific and Weapons Research. Comments and queries may be directed to the Chief, Nuclear Energy Division, OSWR, [redacted]

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